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ATTN: Harbor Comments

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I am a business owner that is settled pretty close to the west side of the Willamette River. I think the EPA's plan for cleaning up portions of the river would hurt the local economy. The EPA's proposal calls for higher taxes in Portland to pay for the project. As a small business owner, I definitely couldn't afford to pay more in taxes, as a business or as an individual. I currently have three to four employees at my business and would not be able to hire any more.

If this project goes through, people will not want to move to Portland as much, and many current residents will probably be forced to move because of the high cost of living. I also think the plan is foolish because it would dig up more contaminants in the river when it's already healing a lot on its own. It will create more work at a higher cost than it should be. I don't see any need to dig up any part of the river; it would only make the pollution worse. The EPA should look for more flexible, cost-effective options.

Sincerely,

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Owner